--- Series of 1880-81 -TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Joliette Division ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1 lb. plus** *R. M. Leprohon* / ***Percepteur*** **---**

Chris Ryan's research indicates that "Joliette" was absorbed into "Terrebonne" on January 1st 1870, and was again re-constituted as a separate division on January 1st 1880, when *R. M. Leprohon* was name as the "Collector".

From the extant control numbers, it seems that the initial 100,000 copies of **RT-15a** were run in 1880-81 using the plain French plates, and that the final 175,000 copies of **RT-83** were run in 1882-83 using the **J-52** French plates.

The catalogue lists the 1 pound, green, TABAC CANADIEN, "Joliette Division" strip as follows:

RT-15a - 1 pound, green, *perforated 12*, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RT-16 - 1 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

RT-15an - 1 pound, green, perf 12, TABAC CANADIEN, *without* controls, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

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--- RT-15a - 1 pound - perforated 12 - on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove ---

RT-15a - 1 pound, green, perf 12, TABAC CANADIEN, control number **067551**,
on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - stamped **15**, probably in February 1881

020653		RT-15a	1 pound, perforated 12, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove
020928		RT-15a	1 pound, perforated 12, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** - suspect strip
021202	11/80	RT-15a	1 pound, perforated 12, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove - stamped **9**
040072	11/80	RT-15a	1 pound, perforated 12, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove - stamped **10**
067551★	02/81	RT-15a	1 pound, perforated 12, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove - stamped **15**

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number. Note that the strip is *block watermarked,* which indicates that an early unreported printing was probably made on similar paper.

1 pound, green, *imperforate*, TABAC CANADIEN, *without* controls, on ***block watermarked*** vertical mesh wove

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